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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

CLAIM NUMBERING

Applicant's representative has difficulty following the Examiner's explanation of the claim numbering. In order to cure the defect of the missing claim 5, Applicant's representative has canceled claim 5. The remaining claims are amended in accordance with the remarks presented. For example, the Examiner states that the claims have been renumbered, yet refers to the originally numbered claims in places. The discrepancies in the various remarks sections are confusing. Applicant's representative has canceled originally numbered claims 13-18, which were not elected.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claims 1, 3, 6, 9-12 and 23-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Sandusky '125 has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn. The allowable matter of claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1. Matter similar to the allowable matter of claim 2 has been incorporated into claims 23 and 24.

As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be withdrawn.

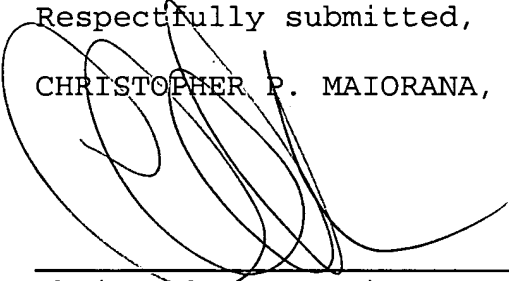
Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative at 586-498-0670 should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

If any additional fees are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

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